materials like wireless transmission sets and explosives were recovered by the police. The Anand Margis have also alleged by indulged in land grabbing in and around Anand Nagar. (Resentment among the local people has been growing due to the aggressive land grabbing exercises by Anand Margis and their other unlawful activities). Occasionally this has led to clashes between the Margis and the local people.

The Central Government is keeping a watch on the situation in close cooperation with the State Government of West Bengal.

**US-Soviet Talks on strategic Nuclear Arms Treaty**

1985. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the U.S.-Soviet Talks held in Moscow around February 8, 1990, relating to a Strategic Nuclear Arms Treaty;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made towards nuclear disarmament; and

(c) whether any negotiations have taken place for achieving a nuclear weapon-free world as contemplated in the proposals mooted at the U.N. by the former Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union and the Secretary of State of the U.S.A. met in Moscow from February 7—9, 1990. During their talks they were able to resolve many outstanding issues connected with the START negotiations which are going on in Geneva between USA and the Soviet Union. The aim of the START negotiations, accepted by both sides, is to bring about a reduction of roughly 50% of their strategic nuclear weapons which include land based Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles, Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles and intercontinental bombers capable of delivering nuclear bombs and nuclear-tipped cruise missiles. Both sides have declared after the Moscow talks that they have made substantial progress and they hope to achieve agreement in principle on all the outstanding issues by June 1990 when a summit meeting is scheduled between the two countries.

(c) No, Sir.

**Construction of Bridges over river Kalisindh and Parvati in Kota**

1986. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the construction of two bridges on the river Kalisindh and Parvati in Kota District of Rajasthan sanctioned by Government recently; and

(b) by when the construction of these bridges is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The State Government have proposed the construction of the two bridges under the Central scheme of assisting State Governments in construction of roads and bridges of economic and Inter-State importance. Central Government have not yet sanctioned these schemes and it is too early to say when these two bridges would be completed.